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SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT: US ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION

REF STATE 142390,

1. WE WELCOME DISCRETION GRANTED TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH
BOYCOTT AUTHORITIES, AS WELL AS GOE OFFICIALS, IN PROMOTING
US INTERESTS UNDER ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW, AND ARE CONSIDERING
MODALITIES AND APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOR SUCH CONTACTS FOLLOW-
ING SIGNING OF LEGISLATION.

2. PROPOSED STATE-COMMERCE DEL TO EXPLAIN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
NEW LAW WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO EMBASSY
AND WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY REPS OF US FIRMS HERE. WE BELIEVE
THAT VALUE TO EMBASSY AND LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY
SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF TO JUSTIFY VISIT BY SUCH GROUP.

3. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, ABOUT IDEA OF VISITING DEL
MAKING APPROACH TO GOE OFFICIALS ON SUBJECT OF BOYCOTT AND,
FURTHER, DOUBT UTILITY OF BRIEFING LOCAL BUSINESS GROUPS IN
PREPONDERANTLY PUBLIC SECTOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. ALTHOUGH IT
IS OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT TO INCREASE LEVL OF UNDERSTANDING
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WITHIN GOE OF US POSITION, VERY FACT OF PRESENTATION BY
STATE-COMMERCE TEAM MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AND THUS PROVE
COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENT FURTHER ON
USEFULLNESS OF VISITING DEL DISCUSSION BOYCOTT WITH GOE
WHEN WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE REACTION TO EMBASSY'S
FUTURE REPRESENTATIONS AUTHORIZED PARA 9 REFTTEL.
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